REMARKS

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on 29 March 2004 because the claims in the previous Amendment filed on 6 January 2004 were not provided with the proper status identifier. In particular, the Notice indicated that the Identifier "Previously Presented" be used. In response to the Notice, Applicants resubmit the entire Listing of Claims with the correct identifiers. Specifically, Applicants have replaced "Previously Amended" and "Previously Added" with "Previously Presented" and have replaced "Presently Amended" with "Currently Amended."

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the Notice.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representation at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required at this time. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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